

The First Easter

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They who loved Him and they who hated
Have stood together beside His cross,
And these are resting in wicked triumph,
And those are mourning their bitter loss;
How they had hoped He should yet redeem them,
Had owned Him Master and known Him Friend—
O Star of Jacob! too early setting,
By clouds o'er shadowed, is this the end?

Soldiers and people and priests and rulers
Wreaked their malice and angry spite,
Though invisible angel legions
Only waited His word to smite;
Saviour of men and strong Deliverer,
Himself He would not, could not save,
And cruel hands have seized and slain Him
And set their seal on His guarded grave.

Giver of Life, to death a hostage,
Lord of Glory, in shame who died,
King of Kings, by His foes defeated,
Mocked and beaten and crucified,
Light of the World, in darkness lying,
Maker of Earth, in bondage held—
Surely Israel's hope has perished,
Surely the doom of good is knelled.

Cometh the dawn of the Eastern morning,
Cometh the flashing of angel wings;
O, ye timorous hearts despairing,
Myrrh and aloes are needless things,
He who was dead is risen—risen!
His words of comfort your grief shall dim;
And out of the grave of our sins and sorrows—
We who love Him—we rise with Him.
—Annie Johnson Flint.

CURRENT SIGNS

A DIGEST OF CURRENT EVENTS IN THE LIGHT OF PROPHECY—BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

Women Soldiers

An amazing number of American women are organized, uniformed, and are spending their spare time in training not merely to be nurses and ambulance drivers but to be soldiers. There is already a beginning of a Women's National Guard.



In many groups in America women are being trained in the use of firearms. Many of these groups expressed a desire to merge with a national organization. One such nucleus appeared to be the Green Guards of America, which had its very modest beginning in Washington, July 15, 1940. On that date a little company of only ten women met together and initiated the Green Guards. All of them had sons or brothers in the service. Two days later 200 women signed up. Less than five months later the Green Guards claimed posts in forty-four states.

End of the World

Waldemar Kaempffert, writing in the *New York Times* on "The End of the World," tells of different ways the world might come to a sudden end according to scientists.

"At the Hayden Planetarium in New York are being shown the various ways in which the earth may perish. Our planet might be destroyed by the approaching moon at some remote time. Another likelihood is that the earth will be reduced to absolute zero by the cooling of the sun; or the sun may blow up long before it cools. When the sun does blow up, the whole solar system will go with it, or a comet may strike the earth. As it rushes toward the earth it will burst into a thousand fragments which will rain down on the earth. Oceans will boil; life will be destroyed."

Are you worried about Mother Earth's outlook? Don't worry if you are a child of God. Our heavenly Father who made the earth and the sun and the moon and the comets is still on the throne with His hand

on the throttle of all things. Yes, heaven and earth shall pass away (Matt. 24:35), but not until He has accomplished His purpose in the dispensations. When His purposes have been consummated the universe will be destroyed by fire, and then God will make a new heaven and a new earth (See 2 Pet. 3; Rev. 21).

Anti-Bible Society

The American Anti-Bible Society has its offices in New York City only a street or two from the American Bible Society. According to *Dawn* it is the announced program of this godless society "to bar the Bible from the public schools; dislodge it from the guest room in hotels; discourage its use at gubernatorial and presidential inaugurations; remove it from the witness stand; check and ultimately stop its unsolicited distribution among soldiers, seamen, patients, and prisoners and counteract the work of societies circulating it as the Word of God."

Satanic agencies are active these days. Wherever God has servants doing a good work for Him, Satan has servants who will fight against it. The battle between Satan and God rages hotter and hotter as the end of this age draws nearer. But evil will not prevail.

Scripture vs. Voltaire

It is stated that 92 volumes of Voltaire's works, bound in beautiful calf binding, were sold some years ago at the sale of the Earl of Dudley's effects, for \$2.00; but the British government paid \$500,000 for the Codex Sinaiticus.

Revival in Russia?

Recent press reports indicate that a strong movement toward God is in progress in certain sections of Russia. One report says that the Militant Godless League has fallen from 5,000,000 members in 1933 to 2,000,000 and that the organization has ceased to exist in many localities. The government recently closed five anti-religious museums which once instructed 3,000 students but are now so sparsely attended as not to pay the expenses of continuing. This indicates the craving of the people for God rather than a change of heart of the atheistic government.

More Bootleggers?

Twenty to twenty-five per cent of the liquor consumed in the United States is bootleg, according to Robert Barry of the National Distillers Products Inc. For every bootlegged gallon sold Uncle Sam loses \$3.00 in revenue. If all the stills that have been seized and been worked at full capacity, they would have produced enough alcohol to make 331,747,435 gallons of whiskey and would have cost the Treasury \$995,242,305 in alcohol taxes. So Treasury agents are kept on the jump in pursuit of evaders. Year after year since repeal they have "knocked over" 800 to 1,000 stills a month. Last year they made 25,638 bootleg arrests. Fifty-six per cent of our present federal prison population are alcohol-tax evaders.

Dead Sea Wealth

Export of potash from the Dead Sea amounted to 9,000 tons in 1932. This year it is expected to pass the 100,000 ton mark.

CAMP MEETING ISSUE

The next issue (May) of GLAD TIDINGS will be the annual camp meeting number. We would like to have at least two pages of church ads in order that we may get out several thousand extra copies for distribution. Spaces may be obtained for \$5 and \$10. All copy should reach P. O. Box 398, St. Helena, Calif., not later than April 18.

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Resurrection Hope . . .

By STANLEY P. MCPHERSON, Lodi, California

"If a man die, shall he live again?" (Job 14:14).

THIS all-important question was asked by Job centuries ago, and it has been asked by wondering millions in every generation since then. We are made to realize the significance of this query when we think of the fact that over one million persons die each year in the United States alone.

While research and philosophy have filled great volumes with doubt and uncertainty, the blessed Book of books answers the question by declaring, "I am He that liveth and was dead and behold, I am alive forever more." Hallelujah! Our hope of having a resurrected body and eternal life depends upon the fact that Christ is risen indeed. It took the death and resurrection of Jesus to prove that there is a life after death. O Death, riding on your black horse down through the years, filling graves with our precious loved ones, making our hearts to bleed, and laughing at us—my Christ has conquered you! Shout it from the housetops. Tell it to the ends of the earth. He lives! He lives!

"If a man die, shall he live again?" Ask the average man on the street this question and he will say, "It is all uncertain." To much there is no hope of eternal life; no hope of seeing loved ones in another world. How sad the condition of many in our land who have had their faith in God and in the resurrection of Christ shattered. Many in their despair, looking after the things coming on the earth, feel that life is not worth living, and turn to self-destruction. But suicide is not the end of self; it only serves to plunge the soul into greater darkness of an eternity of hell.

If we have no hope beyond the grave we would be "of all men most miserable." When God created man He breathed into him the breath of life and man became a living soul, a soul that will live forever throughout the endless ages of eternity. Death is not the end. If a man die he shall live again, either in heaven or in hell.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ assures us of sin forgiven. Paul declares, "He was delivered for offences, and was raised again for our justification." Justification! How wonderful to know that through His death and resurrection our sins are forgiven and

we are justified in the sight of God and made pure. What marvelous grace! If you want proof of the resurrection, let Christ who is the resurrection come into your heart.

Ask the Christian, "If a man die, shall he live again?" and his face will glow with the glory of God as he answers, "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." There is a light in the valley of death. The Psalmist said, "Yea, though I walk. . . ." What, David, are you walking? "Yes, for I fear not the valley." A person who is afraid runs. "Through. . ." I will not stay in the valley but will come up on the other side. "Shadow. . ." Yes, the valley is just a shadow when Jesus lives in our hearts. "I will fear no evil. . ." Why? "For Thou art with me."

"Aren't you afraid to pass by the cemetery at night?" a child was asked. "No, I am on my way home," was the reply.

"Is this death? I didn't know it was so wonderful!" were the words of a Christian called to go through the valley. Surely, "The empty tomb is God's mouth, open wide, laughing at death." One day soon the cry will ring out, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him!" And the Lord shall descend from heaven and the dead in Christ shall arise, and those who are living and yet remain shall be caught up together with them—"and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

The question is often asked, Shall we know our loved ones in heaven? Thank God, we will. Then we shall know as we are known. Gone forever sighing and crying. No more funeral processions. Death shall be no more. Eyes will be opened to view the city not made with hands, for He who painted the robin's breast, who gave the lily its ivory splendor, is the builder of the city foursquare.

Yes, my friend, if a man die he shall surely live again, either in heaven with Christ and the saints of all ages, or in hell, banished forever from the holy presence of God. God grant your choice will be heaven! And where is heaven? It is at the end of the highway of a holy life. The blood of the slain Lamb is the passport, and the cross of Calvary points the way home.

FOR ME

*Under an eastern sky
Amid a rabble's cry,
A man went forth to die,
For me.*

*Pierced were His hands and feet;
Three hours o'er Him beat
Fierce rays of noontide heat,
For me.*

*Thus wert Thou made all mine;
Lord, make me wholly Thine,
Grant grace and strength divine
To me.*

*In thought and word and deed,
Thy will to do. Oh lead
My soul, e'en though it bleed,
To Thee.*

—Selected.

"GO!" WHY?

When we read the story of our Lord's resurrection as Matthew records it, we find that three times he uses the short, sharp, staccato "Go." When you enter the book of Acts you meet this sense of urgency everywhere. There is the realization that the person who knows the Christ of Calvary and of the empty tomb should be occupied with making Him known to others.

The phrase "the evangelization of the world in this generation" has been used frequently in the past three or four decades, but the idea is on every page of the book of Acts. Not the conversion of the world, but its evangelization.

Anyone who has outgrown that idea has outgrown the New Testament, for the Christ who said, "Go," also said, "Lo, I am with you, even unto the consummation of the age." Evidently then it was an age-long commission and a responsibility for each individual Christian.

Today, when so much of the world is occupied with war, the witnessing obligation rests heavier upon America than ever before. Some of the nations ordinarily sharing this missionary task are today loaded with other burdens and busy with other demands. If this country ever had a witnessing responsibility this is the day. "The king's business requireth haste," and this is the hour for every Christian to put all of himself into this matter of presenting a living Christ to a dying world.

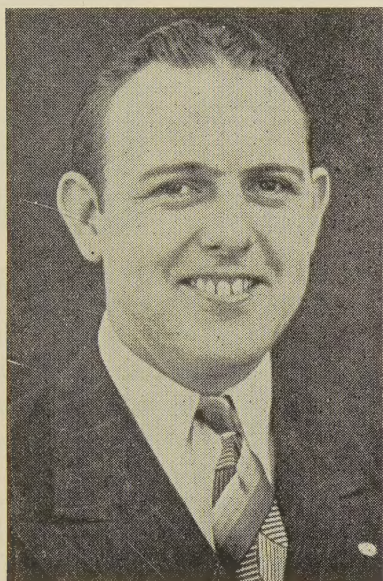
Did you ever see the makeup of an evening paper, especially in a big city? Every press and every line of type seems to shriek,

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Introducing . . .

Our Oroville Church

The birth of the Oroville Assembly of God reverts to the year 1911 when Sister Charlotte Wirth began to pray for the establishment of a Pentecostal church in the community. Sister Wirth (who is still a faithful member of the Assembly) and her



Pastor J. E. Warren Hull

mother began to hold prayer meetings in their home each Thursday; later Sunday services were held in another home. All this while the little group continued much in prayer, petitioning the Lord to send them some one as leader and pastor.

It was not until about 1918 that these faithful servants saw the fruit of their labors when Brother Bottorf came to pastor the group, and meetings were held in a downtown hall. In 1920 Clarence Radley became pastor, and a small place was purchased in which meetings were held. Later Brother and Sister C. N. Owens took the pastorate, and in 1924 Brother Davis was called to minister to the little flock and services were held in a tent. Because of illness he remained only about one year.

Sisters Pearl Larson and Hedvig Hansen followed and ministered for a short while.

In 1926 Brother C. A. Ellenwood accepted a call to be pastor, and under his ministry the church was organized and incorporated as the "First Glad Tidings Mission of Oroville." Brother and Sister L. A. Dodson followed as pastors. At this time the little downtown mission was sold and a large temporary tabernacle erected on rented grounds. The three lots on which the present building now stands were then purchased.



Mrs. J. E. Warren Hull

Brother R. J. Thurmond came to Oroville in March, 1929, and after a very fruitful ministry resigned January, 1931. It was during this time the present building was erected. Brother Otis Triplett followed as pastor and remained until May, 1932, when Brother Dick Huston was called. He was succeeded by Brother J. S. Farrar.

In October, 1936, Brother and Sister R. T. Doherty were chosen as pastors. Under

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Attention, Secretaries of Local Groups:

Be sure to give reports of your activities to your Sectional Chairmen who in turn will report to the W.M.C. District Secretary, Mrs. Ely Persing. If you are sending duplicate reports to Sister Persing, please designate them as such so we will not have duplications.

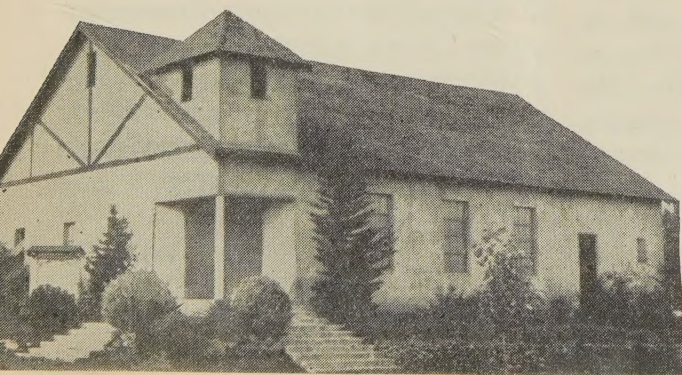
Thanks for the response to the questionnaires. The answers are interesting, and they are going to be of real help in future planning.—Mrs. R. J. Thurmond.

their faithful ministry the saints were led onward. The lovely and comfortable nine-room parsonage built by Brother Doherty during his ministry there will remain as a monument to his uniring labors. Brother and Sister Warren Hull were called as pastors in August, 1940, and have since been carrying on with the work of the Lord. Since this time a piano has been purchased, the prayer room and Sunday School rooms have been refinished, and plans are now under way to secure a bus.

Brother Hull reports: "We are glad to write that the Lord has been in our midst in a precious way. In September we had a short campaign with Brother Paul Pipkin which proved a real blessing to our young people. We surely enjoyed his meetings with us. A number were saved and some filled with the Holy Spirit. In our recent services there have been two or three saved every Sunday night.

"Our Sunday School goal for 1941 is 300. We have nearly completed a Sunday School expansion program which gives us more room and comfort. We are now praying that the Lord will give us a bus which will be a great benefit to the Sunday School.

"The precious seed sown by the faithful ministers of God during these many years has brought forth fruit in the lives of the beloved saints of Oroville that only in eternity will the beauty, richness and sweetness be revealed. 'We are all laborers together with God. . . . One planteth, another watereth, but God giveth the increase.'"



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The VOICE of the District Superintendent

"Workers together with Him."

Dear Fellow Workmen:

Now speaking of *Preaching*. There is a question we might ask ourselves occasionally doubtless with profit to both preacher and hearer: Why should anyone come to hear me preach? Many people attend church from a sense of duty; they "ought" to go and therefore do so. But there is a growing number who are scrutinizing the values received for



Leland R. Keys

the time expended.

In some quarters we hear preaching spoken of in a disparaging way; as though it were of little importance. Unfortunately you and I have heard such expressions as "The Holy Ghost had His way so there was no preaching." This would imply that when the preacher delivers his message it is sort of a second best and the Holy Ghost does not have His way, or at least His full right of way. Now do not misunderstand me. I believe there are times when the glory of God so fills the house that the priests cannot stand to minister by reason of the cloud, and there is no one who rejoices in these times of unique and special outpouring of the Spirit more than the writer; however, if the reader will carefully note the occasion of this outpouring of God's glory it will be seen that it was on a special occasion; it could not be said to be the "usual" thing. See 2 Chron. 5. Had it occurred every time the worshipers came to the temple it would have become commonplace and unappreciated.

Let us notice what God says about preaching. As our Lord stood one day in the synagogue at Nazareth he declared, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to *preach* the gospel to the poor." In the Great Commission Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Nearly thirty times in the book of Acts the preaching ministry of the apos-

ties is referred to. The epistles are full of it. To his son in the faith Paul charges, "Preach the word." God's estimate of preaching is summed up in 1 Cor. 1:18, 21. "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

Let us then give this God-ordained means of grace the honor which it rightly deserves. Let us realize that when God's man is preaching the gospel in the power of the Holy Ghost, this, too, is a work of the Spirit. Doubtless many preachers in delivering God's message exercise the gifts of the word of wisdom and the word of knowledge. These are not as spectacular as some of the other gifts but they have their place and, in God's economy, are of just as great importance. Thus, when the Word of God is preached by a Spirit-anointed messenger it may be truly said that the Holy Ghost is having His way.

It is interesting to note in passing that the institution of preaching is particularly a characteristic of the Protestant Reformation. Its restoration to the church as holding the largest place in the worship service is one of the blessed fruits of the Reformation.

And now let us examine our preaching. The following conversation was recently overheard. "I came away last night thoroughly disappointed. Why the speaker was as dull as our preacher." To which the listener replied, "Well if he was as dull as your preacher he must have been pretty dull all right." There are two things that contribute to dullness in a preacher: One is the lack of study and the thoroughgoing preparation of the sermon; the other is the lack of the anointing of the Spirit. If one has only the first he is pretty apt to be as "dry as bones." If he has only the second there is apt to be a great lack of "content" to the sermon and the flock of God is not properly fed. See Acts 20:28.

Good preaching demands the best that

one can put into it of heart and brain and brawn. A good sermon is the result of prayer and tears and study. It is foolish to imagine that one can consistently preach good sermons without paying the price of good sermons. Those who run into the pulpit and pick up their Bibles and open their mouths wide believing that the Lord will fill them discover that nature abhors a vacuum and forthwith their mouths are filled, but with what? "If the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?"

Several months ago a well-known preacher sat beside the writer awaiting the time to preach. Nervously he thumbed through his Bible from Genesis to Revelation and then back again anxiously looking for a sermon. Finally in a voice of despair he turned and said, "Brother Keys, what shall I preach on tonight?" Well, Brother Keys *couldn't* help him and quite evidently the Lord *didn't* (how could He and thus condone such haphazardness?) for the service was a failure and the sermon (?) was a dud.

Doctor William Towner, who, as we all know, received a wonderful baptism of the Spirit once said, "I always go into my pulpit fully and adequately prepared. That's *my* business and responsibility. Then, if at the last minute the Lord seems to change my line of thought and give me a new sermon that's *His* business and responsibility and I know that under such circumstances He will help me." Amen! He does. We can all testify to that.

Some sermons are made the occasion for belaboring the flock; the saints leave the church feeling that they have been whipped. Such procedure tears down instead of building up.

Much preaching today is negative. Christianity is made to consist more of what we *don't* do than of what we do. We need to hear once again the great positive affirmations of the Christian faith; more of those grand truths of what Christ has done for us at Calvary and of the effectiveness of His present ever-living intercession

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Studies in Revelation

By J. NARVER GORTNER
(Continued from last issue)

III. HOW THE COMMAND WAS IMMEDIATELY OBEYED

Verse 15. The rendering in the R. V. is preferable, "And the four angels were loosed, which had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, that they should kill the third part of men." The renderings of Rotherdam, Young, Moffat, and Weymouth are in agreement with the R. V. The Con. Ver. sets the thought forth in an even more emphatic manner, "And the four messengers were loosed, who had been made ready for the hour and the day and the month and the year, that they may be killing a third of mankind." Alford, who is one of the best authorities on the Greek text, informs us that they have "been appointed by God; the appointed hour occurring in the appointed day, and *that* in the appointed month, and *that* in the appointed year. The article, prefixed, and not repeated, seems to make this meaning imperative." God does everything according to schedule. When the hour shall come, the appointed hour, these angels will be liberated; until that hour they will continue to be bound.

IV. THE NUMBER OF THE HORSEMEN

Verse 16. Two hundred millions. Some one has said, "John could not possibly have counted them; he must have just guessed." Why make a difficulty where there is no difficulty? John has not told us that he ascertained the number by counting them; he simply says, "I *heard* the number of them." Evidently the number was made known to him by revelation.

V. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE HORSES AND THEIR RIDERS

Verse 17. Some would have us believe that what we have here is a prophetic description of modern instruments of warfare. As I write these lines a battle that is being characterized as "the greatest battle of the ages" is raging in Europe. Germany's mechanized forces have forced their way into France, and every foot of ground was contested by the allies who are also well equipped with mechanized units. Overhead thousands of airplanes are grappling for the supremacy. Tennyson once "dipt into the future, far as human eye

could see,
Saw the vision of the world, and all the wonder that would be,"
and he not only saw: he heard,—
"Heard the heavens fill with shouting, and there rained a ghastly dew
From the nations' airy navies grappling in the central blue;"

and that vision of the poet, as we think of it today, seems to have been an inspired vision; Tennyson seems to have written as a prophet of God; for at the time Tennyson wrote the airplane was unknown, and hardly anybody dreamed that it would ever come. That we have terrific instruments of warfare with which contending armies can destroy one another, and by means of which untold havoc can be wrought, and unparalleled suffering inflicted, everybody familiar with what is going on in the world at the present time knows. But these riders are to be regarded as spirit beings, and their horses as belonging to the spirit realm. There is no reference here to modern instruments of warfare, or to any instruments that man's ingenuity may invent in days to come. The best possible description of these spirit beings, this infernal cavalry, has been afforded by John. Nothing an uninspired speaker or writer can say or write can add anything of a luminous character to what has already been written.

VI. THE APPALLING DESTRUCTION OF LIFE WITNESSED

Verses 18, 19. Here is Moffat's rendering, "By these three plagues the third of men were killed, by the fire, the smoke, and the brimstone, that poured out of their mouths; for the power of the horses lies in their mouths—and also their tails (their tails are like serpents, they have heads, and it is with their heads that they hurt)." There are many strange creatures existing on the face of the earth, and in the seas, the very existence of which the most of the inhabitants of the earth are unaware of. For instance, there are fishes in the ocean that are so constituted that they are actually able to swallow fishes that are larger than they themselves are. Read what the

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***I Want
to KNOW ?***

It has been in our minds for some months to have a Questions and Answers department in GLAD TIDINGS. As we have traveled about the District we have been asked many questions about the interpretations of Scripture, matters pertaining to our fellowship and other related subjects. It is apparent that there are many inquiring minds among us. It was suggested that your editor should conduct such a column but he has consistently refused to do this for two reasons: In the first place he does not have the time to give to it; and in the second place he feels that he has a sufficient amount of space through which to express himself each month.

Several months ago Brother W. T. Gaston of Sacramento was approached on this subject. Being the pastor of a large church with all the demands upon his time incident thereto he rather hesitated in assuming this added burden. However, we felt that with his long ministry, his breadth of experience and his deep understanding of the Scripture he was the logical person to conduct such a department. Furthermore he comes to the columns of GLAD TIDINGS with a large fund of knowledge concerning the work of the Assemblies of God gathered from the four corners of the United States. Doubtless under the blessing of the Lord this will become one of the most interesting departments of the paper.

Brother Gaston has asked us to state that he reserves the right to use his discretion as to the questions which he shall answer and the order in which he shall answer them. Also, it will not be possible for him to engage in any correspondence relative to any question.

All questions should be mailed to GLAD TIDINGS, Box 398, St. Helena, California. They must not be mailed to Brother Gaston. This, too, is his expressed request.

The Questions and Answers department will be started in the May issue. May we suggest that the best way in which to get this under way is for each of us to send in our questions now—today. Your co-operation is needed in making this department a source of great blessing and instruction.—LELAND R. KEYS.

DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

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CAMPGROUND MORTGAGE

Receipts from Feb. 12 to Mar. 18, 1941:	
C. E. Wagner, Benicia	\$ 5.00
Esther Erickson, Oakland	5.00
A. F. Gomes, Pittsburg	3.11
A friend, Seattle	8.00
A. J. Lebeck, Sacramento	15.00
Mrs. H. Rosenblad, San Francisco	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Shields, S. F.	5.00
L. H. White, Oakland	1.25
Cora Evers, Auburn	5.00
Seth Hartman, Healdsburg	5.00
D. Evans, St. Helena	2.50
L. C. Persing, Coquille, Ore.	3.00
C. E. Persing, Escalon	8.00
A. H. Persing, Modesto	5.00
Full Gospel Church, Yuba City	7.00
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A. and E. McBride, Susanville	1.00
Gospel Lighthouse, Los Gatos	4.00
Mary Savidge, Redwood City	5.00
A friend, Campbell	1.00
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D. Q. Boyd, Morgan Hill	2.00
L. Brown, E. Pearson, San Francisco	3.00
Mrs. D. Thollander, Oakland	1.00
Hazel Youngman, Lodi	.50
F. T. and O. Alford, Laurel, Miss.	5.00

\$ 157.36

Previously reported 4,909.19

Total to date \$5,066.55

If you cannot meet all your pledge at once, regular monthly remittances will soon pay it off. We are counting on your co-operation, and we are praying the Lord will provide finances so the pledges can be met by camp meeting and our camp mortgage burned this year.

It would be well for each church to take a special camp mortgage offering at an early date. God bless you as you help lift this indebtedness.

FOR SALE

Lovely home on campground belonging to Mrs. J. Frease. Can be purchased for \$600. There is an extra lot in connection with this. Cash is needed. This is a real buy. For further information write R. J. Thurmond, District Secretary-Treasurer, Box 398, St. Helena, Calif.

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F. T. Alford, St. Helena (Ordained) to Mississippi District.

Olive Alford (Mrs. F. T.) St. Helena (Ordained) to Mississippi District.

H. W. Brown, Las Vegas, Nev. (Ordained) to Arizona District.

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Floyd McWhinney, Oakland (Ordained) to Southern California District.

K. M. Haystead, Sacramento (Ordained) to Eastern District.

D. N. Asbury Jr., San Francisco (Licensed) to South Florida District.

Mrs. D. N. Asbury Jr., San Francisco (Licensed) to South Florida District.

WANTED

A married couple to work on the campground. Man to do landscaping, watering, repairs, etc.; wife to assist with cabins, store, rentals. Someone is needed who is interested in the work of the Lord, filled with the Holy Ghost, and not afraid to work. Will be open after camp meeting or possibly before. Send applications to District Secretary R. J. Thurmond, Box 398, St. Helena, Calif.

CAMPGROUND CHANGE

After about two years' work on the campground Brother Harold MacLeod has left to take up work with the City of St. Helena.

We appreciate the work and improvements Brother MacLeod has helped to make on the grounds.

Brother Earl Roper of Ukiah has taken Brother MacLeod's place temporarily, and will be filling in until such time as a couple can be found to do the work.

NOTICE

Election of District Presbyters.
Please note instructions in Minute Book on page 14, Article 2, section 2, paragraph 2 of our District Bylaws, for nominations and elections of District Presbyters. It would be well to announce at the fellowship meeting the time and place for this. It would seem advisable to take care of this matter at a special hour during the day of fellowship between now and May 20 so the names can be forwarded to District Superintendent Leland R. Keys not later than one month prior to convening of District Council.—R. J. THURMOND, Secretary-Treasurer.

YOUR CHURCH NAME

We would call attention to the fact that many of our churches either have no visible means of identification at all or else no way of telling what kind of a Pentecostal or Full Gospel church they are. We believe that it is very important that all our churches should state either that their name is The Assembly of God or, if they have some other name, at least that the church is a member of The Assemblies of God. The reasons for this will become more evident as time goes on.

May we suggest that the pastors and the boards of our churches take steps to bring about this proper identification on their church signs or bulletin boards. A few minutes of lettering is all that is necessary. It will identify you in the community for, after all, the name Assembly of God means something,—something worthy and splendid. It will also help visitors in your community to find their own church. Many have spoken of the difficulty encountered, in going to a strange place, to find their own place of worship.

Thank you, friends, for taking care of this matter. It is decidedly to your advantage to do so.—L.R.K.

News FROM HERE AND THERE

By ALBERT J. LEBECK, Field Reporter :: 2622 W Street :: Sacramento, California

ALAMO—Twelve new members have been received into the church fellowship recently, writes Pastor W. A. Frazier. The Sunday School has been averaging over 100.

ALTURAS—As soon as the weather permits Pastor S. E. Oliver expects to launch a tent campaign.

CAMPBELL—A home missions tent is being used in a new settlement about four miles from Campbell where there are several hundred people who have recently moved there. Brother J. W. Belchar of Sunnyvale is assisting in getting the tent meeting started but it will be conducted by Brother Helms and other ministering brethren.

CARSON CITY, NEVADA—It is expected that a new work will be opened here soon.

CERES—Brother Vernon Murray began a revival meeting Mar. 23, at the close of which he will continue as pastor.

CHICO—Evangelist Joe Long closed a campaign with Pastor Paul E. Radley on Mar. 2.

COLLEGE CITY—Brother R. E. Kelly resigned as pastor.

COLUSA—Evangelist W. B. Leonard of the Northwest District held a very successful campaign with Pastor L. A. Dodson recently. During the first ten days of the meetings 19 persons had sought the Lord for salvation.

CONCORD—The Assembly at Concord came into fellowship of the Assemblies of God recently.

ELY, NEVADA—A new work has been started by Brother George W. Kiser, who reports that he is greatly encouraged by the interest shown on the part of the people who are coming out to the services.

EUREKA—Sisters Hazel Youngman and Mildred Howard recently held an evangelistic campaign for Pastor George Frey.

FERNDALE—Sister Hazel Youngman recently held some meetings for Sister Sylvia Boyer. This is a new field and prayer is requested that God will stir the community.

GRASS VALLEY—Ben Moore is the new pastor, succeeding Brother F. A. Toller who resigned to enter the evangelistic field. Brother Moore reports that the blessing of the Lord is in their midst.

HIGHWAY CITY—District Presbyter T. E. Woods reports that the new work here is coming along fine. The Sunday School has reached 36. Brother and Sister Shuey are ministering in this field.

JANESVILLE—Evangelist and Mrs. William TaVares held a meeting for Sister Zelma L. Strasdin during the month of March. Several were saved and filled with the Spirit.

A fellowship meeting held in Janesville Mar. 2 was very well attended. Sister Nettie Clark of Alameda and Brother E. R. Gomes of Susan-

SCHEDULE FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

April 7—Lakeport, Tuolumne,
Lovelock, Blue Lake, Oak-
land (First Pentecostal)

14—Roseville, San Jose (Cal-
vary)

21—Atwater, Vallejo

22—Yreka

28—Stirling City, Soledad

ville were the afternoon speakers, and Brother Paul Charles of Fallon, Nevada, brought the evening message.

KERMAN—Brother B. T. Bard, returned missionary from China, held a campaign for Pastor C. C. Catledge during the latter part of March.

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA—Brother Herbert W. Brown resigned as pastor to accept a call to Flagstaff, Arizona. Brother James A. Duguid is the new pastor.

LINCOLN—Pastor Robert E. Cull reports that recently two souls were saved and one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

LIVE OAK—Brother and Sister Henry C. Lafferty have been called as pastors, succeeding Brother W. T. Scott who resigned to enter the evangelistic work.

LIVINGSTON—Brother W. C. Robertson writes: "Since coming here the church has become free of debt. The man who held the mortgage gave us a receipt marked paid in full. That made us rejoice for we knew that God was working for us, and it has made it possible for us to be able to do something better in the line of building in the near future."

LIVERMORE—Evangelist Mary E. Warren began a campaign with Pastor Carl T. Carlin on Mar. 9. Brother Carlin reports there has been a good spirit of revival in the regular services. Six souls were saved during February. The Sunday School has been averaging around 45 in attendance.

LOS ALTOS—Brother and Sister R. R. Carmichael of San Jose plan to conduct a two months' tent meeting in Los Altos in the near future.

MANTECA—A brief campaign held by Evangelist Claude O. Wood in February resulted in the salvation of several persons, and one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Carl O. Gunderson is pastor.

McARTHUR—Pastor A. Breckenridge reports that Brother and Sister Richardson held a campaign in March, which resulted in several finding the Lord and a real awakening in the hearts of many.

MODESTO—The revival interest still continues at Bethel Church among the young people. Evangelist William Swanson was speaker at the evening service, Mar. 2.

MORGAN HILL—Evangelist Medora Combs held a campaign for Pastor Dudley Q. Boyd recently which resulted in the salvation of souls and a definite stir for God among the young people.

Brother and Sister Boyd are enjoying the new parsonage which has been completed.

NEVADA CITY—Evangelist Herman Pencovic held a campaign for Pastor Robert Carrington from Feb. 23 to Mar. 9.

OAKLAND (First Pentecostal Church)—Evangelist Hattie Hammond began a campaign with Pastor Harold S. Lehmann on March 16.

(Tabernacle of God)—Pastor Oliver L. Foth states that the assembly is working on plans to erect a new church building.

OROVILLE—Evangelist Bernice Mast conducted a children's meeting from Feb. 18 to Mar. 9 with Pastor Warren Hull.

PALO ALTO—Dorothy Nodurft, reporter, writes: "There is a decided increase of attendance in the Sunday School, for which we are rejoicing. God is pouring out His blessing upon the classes. The young people are praying for a growth, both spiritually and in numbers." Brother Claude O. Wood is pastor.

PARADISE—Sister Ella M. Beare reports that there is an increasing interest in the Bible studies that are being held weekly in various homes. Also several have been to the altar for salvation. The Sunday School is averaging around 31 in attendance.

PATTERSON—Pastor C. R. Peterson writes: "We have just closed a three weeks' meeting with Evangelist Paul Pipkin. In spite of the bad weather and other obstacles, we had a good meeting. God blessed in our midst and souls were encouraged to press on with God. A few were saved, reclaimed, and refilled. Our Sunday School reached the high mark of 84 the last Sunday of the campaign."

RENO, NEVADA—Sister Nettie Clark held a meeting for Pastor S. H. Robertson from Feb. 16 to Mar. 2. Many persons prayed through to real victory and the church as a whole was built up. Pastor Robertson states that there has been a steady increase in every department of the church during the last year. Sixteen new members were recently received into the fellowship of the assembly.

RIVERBANK—The South San Joaquin District fellowship meeting was held Mar. 3 with Pastor Kenneth E. Jillson. Pastor Donald G. Weston of Modesto brought the afternoon message, and Brother Harold Lehmann, District C.A. President, was the evening speaker.

Evangelist Medora Combs began a meeting Mar. 23.

ROHNERVILLE—A farewell service for Brother and Sister Alfred McBride was held Mar. 2. Brother and Sister McBride have taken the pastorate at Susanville, and Brother E. R. Gomes has accepted a call to Rohnerville.

SACRAMENTO—The Bethel Temple Men's Bible Class held a fellowship dinner on Mar. 13 with 80 in attendance. After a brief musical program Brother Harry Warwick, teacher of the Glad Tidings Men's Class of San Francisco, spoke on the subject, "Building a Men's Class." He concluded his remarks by challenging the Sacramento class to a contest, which was accepted. Pastor W. T. Gaston introduced the speaker of the evening, Leland R. Keys. Albert J. Lebeck, Sunday School Superintendent and teacher of the class, presided at the meeting.

Evangelist Bernice Mast will conduct a Vacation Bible School and teachers' meeting during the Easter vacation.

SAN FRANCISCO (Bethel Church)—The monthly Peninsula District fellowship was held Mar. 10 with Pastor Eric M. Johnson, who secured the Temple Baptist Church building for the services. An interesting ministers' meeting was held at one o'clock, which was followed by the afternoon service with Sister Marguerite Flint of India as the speaker. The evening message was brought by Brother W. T. Gaston who spoke on the subject, "Stewardship."

Glad Tidings Temple)—Evangelist and Mrs. C. E. Roberts concluded an evangelistic campaign on Mar. 16. Three services were held daily.

A Men's Bible Class meeting was held Mar. 15 at Glad Tidings Bible Institute, at which time District Superintendent Leland R. Keys was the speaker. Harry C. Warwick, Teacher.

SAN JOSE—Evangelists Guy Renfrow and Leonard Rogers began a meeting with Pastor Max Freimark on Mar. 9. Brother Renfrow was injured in an auto accident and was unable to assist in the opening services of the campaign, but we understand he is now around again as usual.

SAN LEANDRO—Pastor Clifford Holderman reports that the East Bay District fellowship meeting was held Mar. 3. Sister Ruth Hitchcock was the morning speaker, Brother Irving Ford brought the afternoon message, and Brother Oliver L. Foth was the evening speaker. This was the first fellowship to be held in this church.

SANTA ROSA—The North Bay District fellowship meeting was held with Pastor M. P. Bohnet on Mar. 17. Hazel MacLeod of St. Helena was the afternoon speaker, and Pastor W. T. Gaston of Sacramento brought the evening message.

Evangelist and Mrs. Don Mallough of Seattle, Wash., concluded a three weeks' campaign on Mar. 16.

A special two-day ministers' prayer conference was held Mar. 31 and Apr. 1.

STIRLING CITY—Pastor Albert Rowley reports: "We have just closed a very good meeting with Brother and Sister W. T. Scott as

WEDDING BELLS

Brother Claude O. Wood and Sister Gladness Persing were united in marriage at Carson City, Nevada, on Mar. 18. They will make their home in Palo Alto where Brother Wood is pastor.

Congratulations!

evangelists. We had good attendance at all the services in spite of rain and snow. Many backsliders come to the altar to again seek the face of the Lord; the saints were greatly encouraged to a deeper walk with God; and the Sunday School reached a new record."

SUMMIT CITY—"We feel the hand of the Lord with us in the work here," write Sisters Edna Onwiler and Ella Schroeder. "Two different Sundays this month we had 75 in Sunday School. We are continuing our Bible studies on Thursday nights."

SUSANVILLE—Brother and Sister Alfred McBride are the new pastors, succeeding Brother E. R. Gomes who has gone to Rohnerville.

TRACY—A. C.A. rally was held Mar. 10. The church was filled with young people from all parts of the valley, and Brother Morris of Woodbridge brought a message on "What a C.A. Ought to Be." Brother Stewart is sectional chairman.

TRINIDAD—Brother H. L. Marlenee reports that plans are being made to move into their new building the first of April, and that a dedication service will be held sometime in May. Recently three souls were saved.

WALNUT CREEK—A fellowship meeting was held Mar. 10 with Pastor Wilbur Ogilvie. Brother H. J. Ketner was the afternoon speaker.

WINNEMUCCA, NEVADA—Evangelist Julia Peterson recently filled in two weeks as acting pastor. Brother Raymond Esterline is now the new pastor.

YREKA—Pastor and Mrs. G. Richard Maloney are glad to report that Sister Lucy Crofoot is assisting them in the work. Sister Crofoot is a graduate of Glad Tidings Bible Institute and is a capable worker for the Lord.

YUBA CITY—The South Sacramento District fellowship meeting was held Mar. 3. District Superintendent Leland R. Keys brought the morning message. The afternoon service was in the form of a farewell for Brother and Sister Lloyd Persing who resigned to take over the pastorate at Coquille, Oregon. Pastor W. T. Gaston brought the evening message.

Brother A. A. Lowe of Roseville has been chosen as the new presbyter of the South San Joaquin district, succeeding Brother Persing. Mrs. Lowe is the new W.M.C. chairman for this section.

YUBA CITY—Brother Clarence E. Lebeck is the new pastor, succeeding Brother Lloyd C. Persing who resigned to accept a call to Coquille, Oregon.

Camp Meeting

- St. Helena, California
- June 24 to July 13

PERSONAL MENTION

Evangelists Thomas Jackson and Edwin Holmes have been conducting meetings in the Southern California District but expect to return to this District soon.

Brother R. Henke continues in revival meetings in Arizona. He writes from Glendale that God has been blessing in the campaign there. About seven have been to the altar and one has been filled with the Spirit.

Ada and Edith Nichols, formerly of Calistoga, are assisting in the work at Ocean Beach.

Brother D. L. Brown of Burney reports that a five weeks' meeting of three nights a week was held at Fall River Mills recently, and souls were saved among the Indian folk and God's power and glory was manifested in every service.

Word has reached us of the great improvement in the condition of Sister Clyde Billings who has been critically ill in Texas.

Services are being held in Orick and in Klamath by Brother and Sister N. Ray Ingram, who are encouraged with the prospects of establishing works in both these places.

Brother Nicholas Pirollo, author and evangelist, expects to be holding campaigns in this District soon.

Evangelist and Mrs. William TaVares closed a campaign in Exeter on Mar. 2, and they report that 13 souls were saved and 6 were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Brother F. E. Dagle is back in the District and can be reached at 633 N. Hunter Street, Stockton.

Evangelist Medora Combs held a very successful campaign in Delhi in January. The Legion Hall was filled to capacity nightly. About 20 persons accepted the Lord as their Saviour. Sister Combs begins a campaign with Pastor Floyd Hawkins of Bakersfield on Apr. 13. The last of May she plans to return East and will hold a revival at Erie, Pa., beginning June 1.

Friends of Brother and Sister Vernon Murray were indeed sorry to learn of the passing of their little daughter on Feb. 22. She was buried in Dallas, Texas, on Feb. 26. Sincere sympathy is extended the bereaved parents.

On Mar. 16 a beautiful wedding took place at Bethel Temple, Sacramento, following the morning service. Naomi Gaston, daughter of Pastor W. T. Gaston, and Dwight Loofbourrow of Hollister were united in marriage by the bride's brother-in-law, Floyd Hawkins of Bakersfield. A reception was held for the young couple in the parsonage, after which they left for Los Angeles. Brother and Sister Loofbourrow will make their home in Napa where he is employed in the Bank of America.

Evangelist Paul Thommen began a revival meeting in Flint, Michigan, on Mar. 16 with Pastor Kenneth J. Brown.

Brother and Sister John Kennedy are still holding missionary meetings in the District, and report that they are having good response in consecration and enlarged vision among the people. Word has not been received from Springfield as to a definite sailing date, and therefore they will continue their itinerary.

OUR CORNER

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS . . .

April 1 is what we call "April Fool's Day." I suppose on that day many of you were caught up in some kind of a joke or another; all in fun, of course! But I can't help but think of an enemy of yours that would really make a fool of you if he could. He's the devil, the father of lies.

God tells us who a fool is in the book of Psalms. He says, "The fool hath said in his heart there is no God." In Proverbs He tells us that "a fool's ways are right in his own eyes." A fool is one that is deceived or fooled. So don't let the devil fool you!

I am writing this to you from Redding, and the windows of my room face two of California's famous mountains, Mt. Shasta and Mt. Lassen. I can look out just now and see both of their snow-capped peaks. At the foot of Mt. Lassen is a place known as the "Devil's Kitchen." It is quite a wide flat place and is covered with what looks like large pots or cauldrons of boiling mud. It is a dangerous place to explore as one could easily slip into one of these large boiling pots and be burned severely. A beautiful stream of snow water flows into the upper end of this Devil's Kitchen, and though it is ice cold as it flows in, it comes out on the other end steaming hot. A hot place, this Devil's Kitchen!

Let's take an imaginary visit to an imaginary kitchen, one that pictures the deceitful old devil as he really is. Get your Sword buckled on (your Bible)—and here we go!

Ooh! Smell that? He has something cooking right now on his kitchen stove. It's applesauce, I believe. This is the applesauce of deceit and lies. This was cooked up for Mother Eve in the Garden of Eden a long time ago by the same chef. He's still making it, I see.

Oh, look in his bread box! Mmmm, bread! Now wasn't it Jesus who said, "I am the Bread of Life"? Sure it was! But this is "Death Bread." He takes sin, disobedience, unbelief, and crime and stirs it all up and when it is baked it comes out Death Bread.

Here hanging by his work table is the

"devil's beater." He uses this to mix up the Scriptures for weak Christians. He tried this on Jesus in the wilderness but Jesus wasn't to be fooled; He knew the devil's tricks. Read Ps. 91:11, 12, and then read Matt. 4: 5, 6 where the devil tried to mix it up and to change it.

Over here stands the "devil's ice box." He sometimes feeds churches on ice cream suppers when they should be having prayer meetings. They become cold and indifferent to God and it seems sometimes that even the lids of their Bibles become frozen shut.

Look out! Look out, boys and girls, this kitchen floor is strewn with banana peelings. What is the idea? He evidently draws the unwary Christian in by that "Temptation Beefsteak" he has setting over there with its aroma slipping out through that open window. When he gets here he soon slips on the banana skin of "unconcern"—and lo, a backslider!

The "devil's cake box." And who could be more qualified to make a devil's food cake than the devil himself? His cake is really "Discouragement Cake." It is hard and heavy. A piece of that would weigh anyone down!

He has some soup dished up here, hasn't he? This is "Carelessness Soup." It's very sloppy, you'll notice. When you eat that you will find yourself saying, "I don't care," . . . "Oh, let somebody else do it," . . . or "Anything will do."

Here is the "devil's garbage can." Oh, boys and girls, do you see what it really is? Why, it is a poor cold Christian that the devil has been using to dump his trash into. Gossip and untruth, suffering, grief, and all kinds of ailments—all have been dumped here by the devil himself. It's too bad that that person doesn't realize that Jesus died to save him from all of this.

Have a piece of this delicious looking pie? Never! This is the devil's "Specialty Pie." Notice he makes all of his pies with an upper crust so you can't really see what is inside of them. This pie is filled with false teachings and untrue doctrines. Stand by the Bible always, boys and girls.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

MRS. BERNICE MAST, District S. S. Representative
Morgan Hill, California

TEACHERS AND OFFICERS . . .

Greetings in the Name of the world's greatest Teacher, even Jesus!

I appreciate very much your co-operation in filling out the questionnaires which I mailed to you sometime ago. Not all of them are in yet, however, so I am not able to make an accurate Sunday School report to you this month, but no doubt the remaining questionnaires will be coming in soon (with the help of this little hint!) and we will try to have some sort of a report in the next issue of GLAD TIDINGS.

Through our Sunday School column from month to month, we will endeavor to answer some of the questions and assist you in some of the problems which you mentioned in the space given at the bottom of your questionnaires.

May God bless our Sunday School column to you is our prayer.

BERNICE MAST.

PROBLEM NO. 1

Lack of space for Sunday School classes.

According to your questionnaires a number of assemblies are confronting this problem.

Quite a few of our church buildings and halls were erected according to the tabernacle style, with one large auditorium and maybe a pastor's study or some other room. Lack of finances was in most cases the reason for this, I suppose, but on the other hand I believe that in other instances it was a lack of vision and realization of the possibilities of growth in and through the Sunday School.

I wish it were possible for every church with such a problem to see their way clear to build Sunday School rooms immediately and thus enlarge their vision for souls through this means. But of course, talk is easy. God no doubt will make a way for you soon, however, if you have a real desire along this line. But, down to the immediate problem at hand: During the summer months while the weather is good and if outside space permits, some classes can be held in the open. This is a little inconvenient but will work out nicely

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CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS WORLD'S ROUND TABLE

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Harps for Weeping Willows . . .

By HAROLD S. LEHMANN

There could hardly be a more practical subject for discussion before our young people than that of *music*. The finding of a production of music for the services of our churches is largely delegated to those of us who are, or have recently been, within the ranks of the Christ's Ambassadors. Considering the prominence which is given to music in our average church, it is no small responsibility, particularly when it stands that with it is the task of determining the character of that music. The great question is: Can our young shoulders bear up under this responsibility in a way that will satisfy the heart of Christ? The answer is: We can.

The purposes of our gathering together must be clearly defined. This should be done as an aid to the actual selection of material, not as limiting the movings of the Holy Spirit to certain prescribed boundaries. An actual approach to this is through our pastors. They will gladly share their vision of the work of God with us for they are always solicitous of our co-operation. We will find a hungry longing to lead the people up to worship. In the heart of every pastor is a desire to usher his people into the sanctuary of the Spirit where the glories of a risen Christ shed forth soft rays of healing light. There will be a desire to have Christ set forth before the people as their courageous and ever-triumphant Leader, the Hope of the Church. And, of course, there will be a heart-crushing passion for the lost. At least these objectives, and most probably others, as well, will unite to become the vision for our services.

In these objectives, and in any others that should be mentioned, Christ must be the central figure if we are to enjoy any measure of success. Then, our music must be chosen and rendered in a manner that will assure Christ this position in those

courses of service in which we minister. It is a sincere hope that we have outgrown the childish desire to *entertain* people with our services—services over which we invariably ask Christ to preside. What an

CONTEST

In an effort to uncover talents, so generously distributed among Spirit-filled people, a song and chorus writing contest is being announced, based upon the following rules of entry:

1. *The contest is open to all Northern California and Nevada young people in our churches within C.A. age limits. This includes those holding credentials to preach.*

2. *All entries must be in before the annual C.A. Convention, June 27.*

3. *Entries must be original compositions.*

4. *Entries submitted must not be copyrighted. If they have been used in any church prior to contest entry, a brief history of the entry and its use should also be submitted.*

5. *Words and music (at least melody notes) must be plainly written.*

6. *Copies of entries will not be returned although no copy will be used without the owner's written permission or unless given a placement.*

7. *Co-authors may submit entries, subject to rule No. 1.*

8. *Judging will be based 60 per cent upon the message and 40 per cent upon the music. This is to recognize that often a different or partly different melody might greatly enrich a message.*

9. *Judging will be done by non-competing musicians whose experience in gospel work and with sacred songs make them competent.*

10. *Judging will be done by number to remove any possibility of favoritism.*

PRIZES: First, second and third prizes will be given. Other entries will be given credited recognition.

insult to this Gracious Chairman to impose our selfish wills by inserting some light and meaningless chorus to "stir up the people" through emotions that run amost counter to any true moving of the Holy Ghost! What wanton thievery for some one, or two, or three, or four, to steal the heart's focus from the Christ by dramatizing some Negro spiritual. It may gain the applause of the people but it never commands the smile of God.

Modern swingsters have desecrated the halls of classical music but their attempts to "popularize" have merely nauseated thinking people. Let us not follow their example by trespassing the precincts of sacred song like Uzziah who presumed that his kingly will could be imposed upon the holy service of God. He became a leper. Any attempt at syncopation shows a lack of a full surrender of the will for it leads to a display of those emotions that one time held us captive. Thus we prove ourselves unwilling to be freed and abandoned to Christ.

The temptation is to use fast, snycopated songs to make us "feel good," "to pep us up," "to enjoy ourselves." There is neither scriptural nor historical foundation for such a thing. It is a substitution for the work of the Holy Spirit. It is His ministry to bring unto us the revelation and the life of Christ—which of itself is sufficient to any legitimate longing of our hearts. If we insist upon this substitute we shall never learn to enjoy the real ministry of the Holy Spirit.

There may be a place in our social gatherings when light, "catchy" choruses and entertaining quartettes and instrumental numbers are perfectly in order. However, I would warn against the intrusion of syncopation even here (or in our own homes): it is a subtle foe. It does not add to; it

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A GLORIOUS CHANGE

Should someone have told me several months ago that I would be attending Bible School by this time, I surely would have said that he did not know whereof he was speaking.

After graduating from high school in 1940, I had planned to attend the San Francisco State Teachers' College. There I had hoped to play in dance bands and finally join the Musicians Union. Upon receiving my degree, I had contemplated organizing a band of my own and becoming famous. I would pursue this type of work for some years before entering the field of teaching.

As you see, I had high ambitions. I still have, but now in the work of the Lord. If, at the end of my course in Glad Tidings Bible Institute, the proper opportunity should not present itself, I would like to attend college and would study to be better qualified to direct music in churches, and to do personal work.

I was one of those who wanted to be saved but was not willing to give up sin. I can joyfully say now that the Lord showed me a better career, and today am playing in the world's greatest orchestra led by a master Director, the Lord Jesus Christ.—HOMER THOMPSON, *Junior Student*.

SCHOOL

"... His ways are past finding out." Truly God's ways are past finding out. On Sunday night, February 23, a group of students were returning from a meeting that they had held in a small church near San Francisco. It was raining very hard, and the vision was poor. Suddenly a car appeared at an intersection and crashed into the car in which the students were riding. Three of the students were hurt seriously, and had to leave school. It is hard to see God's plan in such a thing as this, when one is doing His work. We are praying that God will speed the recovery of these three students, and we are taking this opportunity to obtain the prayers of our friends in the district for them. God, through this accident, has greatly increased

our consciousness of the bond of love there is between Christians, and we feel that we *want* to bear one another's burdens.

Evangelist C. E. Roberts and his wife just concluded a series of meetings in Glad Tidings Temple, and their ministry proved to be a great blessing to the student body. On Friday, March 10, an all-day meeting was held, which continued from nine in the morning until ten in the evening without a benediction. To many of us it was the first experience of being in an all-day meeting. The main subject, of the thirteen speakers of the day, was the Holy Spirit and His work and manifestations in the church. The meeting was called a Holy Ghost Rally, and it proved to be all of that. God's blessing rested upon us throughout the day; and at the close of the service, instead of being weary from being in service all day, we felt refreshed as if the Holy Spirit had bathed us in His presence as we spent an entire day learning and seeking more of this blessed third Person of the Trinity. We are looking forward to another meeting of this kind in the near future, and are praying to God for a great outpouring of His Comforter, the Holy Spirit.

We are happy to announce that the annual publication of the senior class of Glad Tidings Bible Institute, *THE TIDINGS*, is well on its way toward completion. A very fine and complete book is being published, and will be sold at the same price as in previous years. Send in your order now.—ROBERT THOMAS.

ALUMNI

A letter received from Brother and Sister Lawrence Borst, Suva, Fiji, tells of a remarkable case of deliverance from demon possession. The person so marvelously delivered was a young sixteen-year-old mother who had been lying deathly sick for eleven months. Her husband, finally in desperation, asked Brother and Sister Borst to come and pray for her, promising that if his wife was healed he would become a Christian. He now attends the meetings as does also his father-in-law and two neigh-

bors who witnessed this miracle.

Classmates of Jennie Sandin Gaglardi '33 will be interested to know that on February 19 a baby boy arrived, and the little one has been named Robert John Philip.

William O. Koenig '34 writes: "After three years of service for the Master in Seattle, Washington, and other northwestern cities, the Lord opened a door here in Warrenton, Oregon, where my wife and I have been pastoring for nearly a year. The work is progressing, and as soon as the rainy season is over we expect to build on to the original building and renovate the old one. Our church is the leading one in Warrenton, and we have the largest attendance at both the church and Sunday School of any in the Lower Columbia District."

Helen Duffy Philp '33 writes from Greensboro, N. C.: "It would be nice to see the G.T.B.I. alumni again and to hear of their experiences since leaving school. In the winter of 1936 I went to Africa and returned in 1940. Last summer I was married to Mr. Richard Philp of Lake Stevens, Wash. We were in evangelistic work for a time but now we are here helping Brother and Sister Chadwick (formerly Virginia Nicholson) who are endeavoring to establish an Assembly here.

Vera R. Jones '30 sends in the following report from Fresno, Calif.: "I was happy to learn of the organization of the Alumni and trust that God's richest blessings shall rest upon this fellowship in the furtherance of the gospel. The Lord has done more than we could ask or think. We are busily engaged at the present time in building our mission. The work was started in April, 1938, and during 1940 maintained an average Sunday School attendance of 47. We thank the Lord for this and are trusting Him for greater things in the future."

Brother and Sister William Hayes '35 are now pastoring the work in Daly City, Cal.

We would appreciate reports from those who have not written in previously—Wm. A. Weinmann, *Secretary*.

*I heard Him call, "Come, follow"—
That was all.
My gold grew dim—
My heart went after Him.*

*I rose and followed—
That was all.
Would you not follow
If you heard Him call?
—Selected.*

Many years ago a faithful Scottish minister, coming early to church, met one of his deacons, whose face wore a very resolute but distressed expression.

"I came early to meet you," he said. "I have something on my conscience to say to you, Pastor. There must be something radically wrong in your preaching and work; there has been only one person added to the church in a whole year, and he is only a boy."

"I feel it all," the minister said, "I feel it, but God knows that I have tried to do my duty, and I can trust Him for results."

"Yes, yes," said the deacon, "but 'By their fruits ye shall know them,' and one new member—and he, too, only a boy—seems to me rather a slight evidence of true faith and zeal. I don't want to be hard, but I have this matter on my conscience; I have done my duty in speaking plainly."

"True," said the old man, "but 'Charity suffereth long, and it kind; . . . beareth all things, . . . hopeth all things.' I have great hopes of that boy—Robert. Some seed that we sow bears fruit late, but that fruit is generally the most precious of all."

The old minister went to the pulpit that day with a grieved and heavy heart. He closed his discourse with dim and tearful eyes. He lingered in the dear old church after the rest were gone. He wished to be alone. The place was sacred and very dear to him, but here he had been told at last that his work was no longer owned and blessed by God.

No one remained. No one? "Only a boy."

The boy was Robert Moffat. He watched the trembling old man. His soul was filled with loving sympathy. He went to him and laid his hand on his black gown.

"Well, Robert?" said the minister.

"Do you think, if I were willing to work hard for an education, I could ever become a preacher?" the boy asked.

"A preacher?"

"Perhaps a missionary."

There was a pause. Tears filled the eyes of the old minister. At length he said, "This heals the ache in my heart, Robert. I see the divine hand now. May God bless you my boy. Yes, I think you will become a preacher."

Years later there returned to London an aged missionary. His name was spoken with reverence. When he went into

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FOREIGN MISSIONS

● Africa

A letter dated March 29, 1940 has just been received from Sister Angeline Pierce who is laboring at Nobe Station in the Congo Belge. She writes: "For the first three months I was stationed at Gombari; then one month ago Gladys Taylor and I were transferred here. This is the newest of all the Congo stations. It is situated right out in the forest and has had very little contact with the outside world. The nearest white people are at least 35 miles away. It seems that there are fine opportunities ahead with the possibility of building up a strong church, but we know that it will take much prayer and lots of hard work. There are many villages in that section without a witness of any kind to the gospel, so we will appreciate an interest in your prayers that God will anoint and empower us for the work."

The many friends of Brother Arnold C. Weston will be interested to know of his continued labors in the Gold Coast, West Africa. He writes in part: "Going on trek in Africa is at the same time highly interesting, hard work, and sometimes more or less dangerous. This time we were gone eight days and covered scores of miles through the savannah forests and bush of the Northern Territories. Numbers of villages were visited. In testimony and preaching we used English and More (the native language we learned during our last term); and by means of interpreters the Gospel went forth in Hausa, Dagomba, Mamprussi, and Koussasi. How encouraging it was as we learned of hungry hearts in outlying villages, and doubly encouraging as one native told how that every week sees somebody come to Christ in his area."

● South America

Brother and Sister Bernhard Johnson, formerly of San Francisco, have arrived at their field of labor in Brazil. "On New Year's day we went with Brother and Sister Nystrom (who have a large church in Brazil) to one of their outstations. We arrived one hour early and the place was packed. The streets were lined outside with young and old people. It took us twenty minutes to get to the platform because of the crowd. It was easy to preach to a group of hungry people. A baptismal service was held the same afternoon and 79 were baptized in water. In this place we

have not a car or bicycle, or any means of transportation; so all our village meetings we go on foot for miles and we do not miss any of them. Last night we walked four miles in pouring rain, but it pays. How happy we are that God sent us here to this field. We like it here and feel we are in His will."

● Central America

"We feel inspired as we look out over the opportunities," write Brother and Sister Ralph Williams from Guatemala, "for there are scores of townships and hundreds of villages not yet reached. The Lord has provided the funds for the motorboat, and it will soon be in service helping us to take the message to the fisher folk who live in that region." Brother Williams states that the fourth annual conference closed recently, and two hundred or more brethren were present which represented more than five hundred believers belonging to the Assemblies of God in this particular field.

● Alaska

Brother and Sister A. L. Calame, who are laboring in Wrangell, Alaska, state they are expecting to build a church soon. A lot is being purchased and it is believed that a new building will give the work a little favorable publicity and recognition in the community. Brother Lester Sumrall recently held a series of meetings in Wrangell and during this time the Sunday School reached a new record in attendance. An interesting experience is given by Brother Calame: "The first Sunday morning of the meetings before Sunday School, a woman came into our living apartments and asked for prayer. Her petition was to be delivered from the liquor habit. She was under the influence of drink at the time. Calling Brother Sumrall we prayed for her. She now testifies of instantaneous and complete deliverance. Even when compelled to be in the presence of those drinking, and they begging her to drink with them, she has no craving or desire for it. She is present at nearly all the services and is growing in the Lord."

● Hawaii

Sister Bernice Strickland is improving in health but is not yet able to resume her labors. The work in Hilo is being carried on by Sister Clio Strickland and Sister Jane M. Horino.

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subtracts from, our spiritual lives. It is surface pleasure; it is gratified in self. It is habit forming and weakening. No spiritually weakened person should indulge and no strong person will. In the figure of Paul, in this day and age, "It is meat offered to idols" and it may "make our brother to offend."

This, with a desire to display ability, comes with special temptation to those who play instruments. How easy it is for a few talented musicians to "run away with the song service"! How true! Yet, one sitting in the congregation feels to stand and cry, "Stop, thief!" And what do these people do with the song service after "running away with it," leaving Jesus and the people sitting there in apparent confusion? It is like the case of a young boy I knew. He ran away with a friend's car, wrecked it, and hurt himself badly. These thieves of spiritual facility wreck their friends' mode of transportation by song, long before the people reach the sanctuary of the Spirit. I fear that they often cripple or kill themselves in doing so, too.

Certainly we all know the power that song has had in revival. Sankey was as much of the revival of yesterday as was Moody. The Welsh revival was a revival of song and music. As a matter of fact, every evangelical movement has had a powerful ally in music. But,—it was music of the heart, well chosen and humbly rendered as a ministry to God. Here it is well to remind ourselves that in these great attempts of the Holy Spirit to convict men, the so-called "lofty and aesthetic" but anemically bloodless songs were brushed aside by the rush of new, Spirit-born songs of grace. We face two extremes: meaningless "jingles" set to sensual musical release, and meaningless phraseology couched in attempted "other world" majesty.

Music, like unknown tongues, must be interpreted before it is edifying. I do not mean interpreted into a limited set of words, but like the interpretation of unknown tongues, it must given breadth and breath by the Holy Spirit. Instrumental music should be so rendered that it becomes an accompaniment for words which the Holy Spirit will then be singing in the heart of each believer. I do believe we should have our songs of worship and our anthems of choir praise reflect a bit of dignity and majesty. But, that dignity and

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(The following Bible study is one given by Brother Robeck to his Assembly at Stockton, and is one of a series on subjects pertaining to the fundamentals of our Christian faith. Ministers and workers will find in this outline helpful suggestions for dealing with believers.)

"Full assurance" is a Scriptural expression, occurring three times in the Epistles.

"The full assurance of FAITH" (Heb. 10: 2), the confidence of a believer that he is saved.

"The full assurance of UNDERSTANDING" (Col. 2:2), the confidence of an instructed believer who knows HOW he is saved.

"The full assurance of HOPE" (Heb. 6:11), the confidence of a believer that he will be KEPT to the end.

The BELIEVER'S assurance rests upon a believer's knowledge of:

1. THE COMPLETENESS OF THE ATONEMENT.

- a. John 19:30; "It is finished."
- b. Heb. 1:3; "By himself purged . . . sins."
- c. Heb. 10:12; "One sacrifice for sins forever."
- d. 1 Pet. 2:2; "Our sins . . . His body."

2. THE PROMISES.

- a. John 10:28; "Never perish."
- b. John 3:16; "Should not perish."
- c. 2 Tim. 1:12; "Able to keep."
- d. Phil. 1:6; "Will perform."

3. THE INTERCESSORY WORK OF CHRIST.

- a. John 17:11; "Holy Father KEEP."
- b. Heb. 7:25; "Save them to the uttermost . . . ever liveth."
- c. Heb. 2:18; "Able to succour."
- d. 1 Jno. 2:1; "If any man sin . . . advocate."

4. GOD'S OWN NATURE RECEIVED BY THE NEW BIRTH.

- a. John 1:12-13; "Born . . . of God."
- b. 2 Peter 1:4; "Divine nature."
- c. 1 Peter 1:23; "Incorruptible seed."
- d. Col. 3:4; "Who is our life."
- e. Gal. 2:20; "Christ liveth in me."
- f. John 14:19; "Because I live, ye shall live."

majesty is a thing which should be created by the Holy Spirit in the actual rendering of it, never by the eclipse of the Holy Spirit in a splendrous show of technique.

Now this does not limit us merely to "Nearer My God to Thee." It only strips us of the superfluous, be it without dignity or with a false concept of dignity. It gives direction to our hearts. It makes our ministry of music mean something to others as well as to ourselves. Proper choice and rendition of music before the Lord has the seal of Heaven upon it. "Let us sing unto the Lord."

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on the behalf of the saints. We need to hear the clarion call of the prophet of God calling us to new heights of Christian experience and joy rather than a morbid discussion, constantly, of how far short we come.

These are trying times in which to live. It is safe to say that not one of us is without his cross and his peculiar trials. These are days when the entire world is shaky and "the times are out of joint." Men today are caught in a web of circumstances certainly not of their choosing. There is much sorrow and heartache. Humanity all about us is wounded and bleeding and wondering what it is all about. Has the Christian minister nothing to say in such a time as this? He certainly has. It is his day of opportunity. In a sense, he too can say, "He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord." These are days when we preachers ought to be closing wounds and binding them up with ointment; these are times for speaking words of comfort to those who are bowed beneath a load that sometimes seems heavier than they are able to bear.

Let us then, like our Lord, bring the word of courage and cheer to the discouraged; the word of hope and faith to the despairing. It is a time in which to bring the word of inspiration and salvation which will cause "chords that are broken to vibrate once more." Someone has well said that "he who preaches to broken hearts preaches to all humanity." Let us send our hearers from our churches with the word of faith and courage which will gird them for the battle. May every one who goes from our services be able to say, "I have been to church today and I am not depressed. I have received new strength and grace, for the Word of God and the Spirit of God have ministered unto my edification."

We do not need a new message but we do need a new anointing in order to effectually preach the faith once delivered unto the saints. Let us then, as ministers of the Word, make the gospel pertinent to the times in which we live by a vivid, Spirit-anointed present-day application of the fundamental truths of all time. "Preach the Word."

REVELATION

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Century Dictionary says under the heading, Chiasmodon. Not long ago an electric eel was captured, and it was found to be provided by nature with a battery capable of generating an electric current of sufficient power to kill a horse. An experimenter succeeded in attaching the battery to an electric light bulb and actually producing light. But the creatures concerning which we read in the verses just quoted are not creatures of the natural realm; they are creatures of the supernatural realm; they are spirit beings of the domain of darkness. The days in which they will operate in the earth, with the permission of a God who will be dealing with the inhabitants of the world in judgment will be terrible days indeed.

VII. THE EFFECT THE SECOND WOE HAD UPON THE SURVIVORS

Verses 20, 21. The judgment had been terrible; the devastation wrought by them had been great; multitudes had perished before the second woe, and under the second woe judgment a third of the remaining inhabitants had been killed; but the survivors, with hearts that were obdurate, persisted in their rebellion against God; and they continued in sin, in committing the same sins that they had been guilty of and that had called down these terrible judgments of an offended God. Note the six outstanding sins of the tribulation period: demon worship, idolatry, murder, sorcery, fornication which here includes all sex sin, and thefts. Grace had not led them to repentance, neither did judgment.

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ONLY A BOY

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an assembly the people rose; when he spoke in public there was a deep silence. Princes stood uncovered before him; nobles invited him to their homes.

Robert Moffat had brought under the gospel influence the most savage of African chiefs, had given the translated Bible to strange tribes, had enriched with valuable knowledge the Royal Geographical Society, and had honored the humble place of his birth.

The old minister long before had gone to be with his Saviour, but men remembered his work because of what he was to that one boy, and that one boy was to the world.

A BOOSTER

Brother H. T. Langley, pastor of the Modesto Pentecostal Assembly, has adopted a plan to help create interest in his radio broadcasts over KTRB and to also advertise the District paper. To those writing in, Brother Langley sends a sample copy of GLAD TIDINGS. We think this is a splendid idea and trust that other pastors will co-operate in various ways to promote the circulation of our District organ.

OUR CORNER

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Look at the "breakfast food" the devil has on the kitchen shelf. There is "Puffed Rice" and "Puffed Wheat." Oh, wait a minute—I think we are reading wrong. It's "Puffed Christians"! Pride is one of his tricks and is very dangerous. Get out your sword and read 1 Cor. 4:6.

Let's see what the devil has in this bowl, and then we must get out of here, never to return, I hope. There is much more to see but I think we have seen enough, don't you? Salad—a combination salad. But wait, this is the salad of "Compromise." The devil would have us believe that this is a very healthy dish. He claims that you can have both God and the world stirred up together and be strong enough to get to heaven on it.

Boys and girls, don't let the devil fool you! Read Eph. 6:11 and James 4:7.

Praying for you,

YOUR SISTER MAST.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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for a while at least.

Here is another idea that may help you and would work to better advantage: Make class partitions by using large blackboards fastened with rods to the backs of the church pews. These boards may be easily constructed of a light material and then framed for durability. Paint them black for class use as a board. One half could be covered with a dark outing flannel and could be used for object lessons in the younger classes. The boards should be so constructed as to be moved easily. Curtains could be pulled along the sides of the class to make or finish out the class room. Such an arrangement should also help to deaden the sound that is so prevalent in a one-room building. For further information and details you may write me for a pamphlet giving dimensions, etc., of materials; also showing diagram.

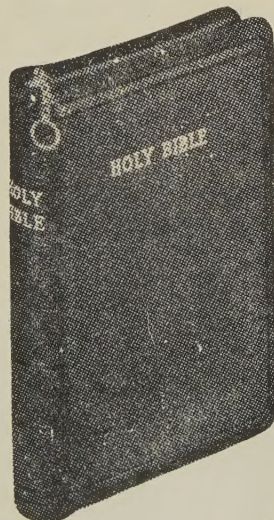
"GO!" WHY?

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"Now." The entire newspaper plant is geared to the idea of immediacy. You see it is a newspaper, and news is only news when it is fresh. After that it's history. The gospel means good news, and because it is news we must go with it to every land and every man.—*Moody Monthly*.

A woman in India stood by a heathen temple in process of construction. Someone asked her the cost of the temple. She looked in surprise at the questioner, a missionary, and said: "Why, we don't know. It is for our god. We don't count the cost."—*Source Unknown*.

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A New Life for an Old

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RECENTLY I heard a minister who is a friend of mine tell how he led a soul to God. He lived in a community in which a poor drunkard who was a blacksmith resided. The man was a good blacksmith when he was sober, but much of the time he was drunk. Often he was in the gutter in a drunken condition, and was the laughing stock of the children of the neighborhood.

After the blacksmith had been on one of his sprees, and had become sober and gone back to work, the minister called on him. He had a talk with him and invited him to come to the services the next Sunday. The man had his excuses. One of them was that he did not have clothes that were fit to wear. The minister told him to come with the clothes he had, and assured him that he would be made welcome. The man would not agree to come, but the next Sunday evening the minister was delighted to see him walk in just after the service had commenced and take a seat near the door. As soon as the service was over he hurried out and was gone.

The next Sunday he came again; and he was there the following Sunday evening. For several Sunday evenings in succession he was seen among the people in the rear of the church, but he always managed to get away before the preacher could get to him.

Then one Sunday morning he came, and, walking up the aisle of the church, he took a place near the front. The minister preached on the text, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Having delivered his message in the fear of the Lord he invited sinners to come and be saved; and the blacksmith rose, and walked to the altar. Kneeling there, he confessed his sins and cried to God for mercy and for deliverance from the drink demon. Of course God heard his prayer and the man was blessedly saved.

The news soon spread all through the neighborhood that the drunken blacksmith had professed to be converted, and that he was purposing to be baptized and join the church. Many of the people who had known him laughed. They said, "This will not last. He has tried to reform more than once, and has failed every time. He will fail this time. It will not be long until he will be back to his cups again."

But it did last. The man had been genuinely saved. He was baptized and joined the church, and lived for God. His life had been thoroughly transformed. The old appetite had been taken away; he no longer had any desire for liquor. The things he once loved he now hated. The peace of God had come into his heart, and he rejoiced in the consciousness that he had been saved from sin, that the drink demon had been driven out, and that he was free. For several years he was a burning and shining light in the community, always glad to tell others of the matchless

grace of a Saviour who can save unto the uttermost and whose grace is unfailing. And one day on his death bed, with a happy face, he bore testimony to the fact that he was soon to see the glory his soul had often longed to behold.

Ask the people of that community who knew the blacksmith in the days when he was bound by the demon of drink, and who knew him afterwards, whether there is power in the Gospel to save souls and transform lives, and they will tell you that Jesus Christ has not changed, and that the Gospel of the Son of God is still the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. They have witnessed tangible evidence of the fact that it is so.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

"For there is no difference; for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:22, 23).

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isa. 1:18).

"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Rom. 10:9, 10).